

Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2020 Food Scraps/ Organics Collection and Diversion Working Group via ZOOM

Present:	See Attachment A
Next meeting:	November 4, 2020 10am
Prepared by:	Chelsey Hahn, DEEP

I. Call to Order and Announcements

Meeting started at 1:00pm.

Co-chairs Katie Dykes, DEEP Commissioner and Ronald McDaniel, Mayor of Montville provided opening remarks, housekeeping rules and the agenda, introduction of the speakers and shared that over 40 responses have been received as part of the Public Engagement Questions- Request for Comment and Solutions located on the CCSMM webpage.

II. Committee Reports

Chris Field, Vice President, WeCare Denali presented on commercial composting systems and provided background on the WeCare Denali business of water solutions and composting services. The presentation covered the history of leaf collection and composting laws in CT and compared it to food waste composting. He spoke about contamination issues in the food waste and litter and strategies on reducing contamination. Chris received questions about sources of contamination, fees for their services and the scale of operations in CT and mechanical de-packaging.

Mike Bisi, Superintendent of Sanitation, Glastonbury, spoke about the Food Waste Collection Program in Glastonbury, the program started in 2018. The program started in parallel with SustainableCT efforts in the city. Mike spoke about the operating costs and tip fees and staffing for the waste and recycling programs in town. His presentation also covered a discussion of satellite containers, and how they are not manned and have high contamination rates. Mike covered how the town engaged and educated residents; home composting bins and rain barrels and partnership between UConn Master Gardener program. After the presentation, Mike received questions about performance over time, incentives and future goals for the program and fees for transfer station use.

Ariel Ardura, Clinical Fellow, Harvard Food Law Policy Clinic, spoke about the Harvard Law Policy Clinic and what they work on; she covered food donation laws federally and in CT as a way to reduce food waste overall. She also clarified that date labels are about peek quality not about safety and spoke about the history of date labels on food packaging and date labeling laws in CT; required for dairy products. Ariel was asked about best practices, how to support food scraps to donation scaling up; she highlighted

the Massachusetts platform to connect doners and donees. A comment was received about food waste to animal feed facilities in other states – why not in CT

Robert Isner, Director, Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division, DEEP, Overview of Public Comments. All public comments received to date are posted on the CCSMM webpage, he provided a brief overview of common themes including market development, contamination, mandates, funding, incentives, education, and permit structure.

III. Roundtable

There was opportunity for Q&A of the panelists. Working group members asked questions after each of the presentations.

Other discussion included next steps, including upcoming meeting dates and a reiterated request for members to attend the environmental justice presentation on October 28, 2020 at 1:00pm.

Suggested focus areas/ SWOT (strength, weakness, opportunity, threat) groups:

- Municipal transfer stations
- residential collection
- school-based programs
- Education
- commercial/ regional infrastructure
- other

Opened for discussion of any of the suggested focus areas and asked if municipal leaders might have interest in joining specific focus groups.

IV. Public Comment

Members of the public were asked to use the “chat” feature or the “raise hand” feature to indicate if they wanted to make a comment.

Questions from the public included the legality of feeding food scraps to pigs without heat treating it and also a question about PFAS contamination in compost and if the compost alliance tests for PFAS. Additional questions came up around packaging standards for compostable bags and food waste diversion to farms from schools and a comment was received about on farm digestion.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:54pm

Attachment A

Panelist Details					
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Attended	User Name (Original Name)				
Yes	DavidAldridge				
Yes	James Albis - DEEP (James Albis)				
Yes	Linda Zaffetti - Suffield DPW (LindaZaffetti)				
Yes	KoriWisneski				
Yes	Yvonne Bolton - DEEP (Yvonne Bolton)				
Yes	Mike Bisi - Glastonbury (Mike Bisi)				
Yes	Robert Isner DEEP (Robert Isner)				
Yes	Don Stein - Barkhamsted (DonaldStein)				
Yes	Diana McCarthy- Bercury (DianaMcCarthy-Bercury)				
Yes	RobertMartin				
Yes	Ron McDaniel- Montville (Ron McDaniel)				
Yes	Theresa Christenson - Harwinton (TheresaChristenson)				
Yes	LauraHoydick				
Yes	Chris Field - SPEAKER (Chris Field)				
Yes	Janice Ehle/Meyer - RiverCOG (JaniceEhle/Meyer)				

Yes	ScottKalb				
Yes	Pamela Roach - SCRCOG (PamelaRoach)				
Yes	PamelaRoach				
Yes	Elly Moore - DEEP (ElizabethMoore)				
Yes	AliGhiorse				
Yes	Melissa Mack - Suffield (Melissa Mack)				
Yes	VictorBenni				
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Yes	GerryDaley				
Yes	JeanSpeck				
Yes	Gabrielle Frigon CT DEEP (GabrielleFrigon)				
Yes	GabrielleFrigon				
Yes	DeniseRaap				
Yes	Raymond Drew - Torrington (RaymondDrew)				
Yes	Katie Dykes - DEEP (Katie Dykes)				
Yes	Ariel Ardura - Harvard FLPC (Ariel Ardura)				
Attendee Details					
Attended	User Name (Original Name)	City	State/Province	Organization	
Yes	David Aldridge - SCRRRA (David Aldridge)	Gales Ferry	CT	SCRRRA	

Yes	Linda Zaffetti - Suffield (Linda Zaffetti)	Suffield	AL	Town of Suffield DPW	
Yes	Peter Brunelli	Hartford	CT	CT Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection (CT DEEP)	
Yes	Kanako MacLennan	Old Greenwich	CT	Greenwich Green & Clean	
Yes	Jonathan Fife	new york city	NY	Smart Feed Tech	
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Yes	Kori Wisneski - Middletown (Kori Wisneski)	Middletown	CT	City of Middletown	
Yes	Eric Fredericksen	Enfield	CT	USA Hauling & recycling	
Yes	Debra Darby	Gloucester	MA	Tetra Tech	
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Yes	kristen brown	Murrells Inlet	AL	WasteZero	
Yes	kristen brown				
Yes	Sherill Baldwin	Hartford	CT	DEEP	
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Yes	Donald Stein	Barkhamsted	CT	Town of Barkhamsted	
Yes	Julie DesChamps	Old Greenwich	CT	Greenwich Sustainability Committee	
Yes	James Woulfe	Farmington	CT	The Connecticut Group, LLC	
Yes	Diana McCarthy-Bercury	Branford	CT	Town of Branford	
Yes	Robert Martin - Canton (Robert Martin)	Canton	CT	Town of Canton	
Yes	April Regan	Enfield	CT	USA Hauling & Recycling	
Yes	Theresa Christenson	Harwinton	CT	Town of Harwinton	
Yes	Thomas Strahle	Wyckoff	NJ	Pepsi Bristol Southington, CT	

Yes	Brad Weeks	Hartford	CT	Kowalski Group, LLC	
Yes	Luis de la Parte	Rocky Hill	CT	SACYR	
Yes	Luis de la Parte				
Yes	Greg McCarron	Suffern	NY	SCS Engineers	
Yes	Svetlana Wasserman	Greenwich	CT	Town of Greenwich Sustainability Committee	
Yes	Ashley Muspratt	Northampton	MA	CET	
Yes	Eli Stilwell	Spartanburg	AL	Atlas Organics, Inc	
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Yes	Laura Hoydick - Stratford (Laura Hoydick)	Stratford	CT	Town of Stratford	
Yes	Janice Ehle/Meyer	Essex	CT	RiverCOG	
Yes	Scott Kalb - Greenwich (Scott Kalb)	Greenwich	CT	Greenwich CT, First Selectman's Waste Management Committee	
Yes	Michael Bzdyra	Hartford	CT	Murtha Cullina LLP	
Yes	Pamela Roach -SCRCOG (Pamela Roach)	North Haven	CT	SCRCOG	
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Yes	Elizabeth Moore	Hartford	CT	CT DEEP	
Yes	Ali Ghiorse - Greenwich (Ali Ghiorse)	Greenwich	CT	Greenwich Waste Management Committee	

Yes	Rashi Akki	KENNETT SQUARE	PA	Ag-Grid Energy LLC	
Yes	Rashi Akki				
Yes	Tammy Thornton	Wilton	CT	Wilton Go Green	
Yes	Victor Benni - Old Saybrook (Victor Benni)	Old Saybrook	CT	Town of Old Saybrook	
Yes	Carey Hurlburt	Hartford	AL	CT DEEP	
Yes	Gerry Daley - ECRRRA (Gerry Daley)	Middletown	CT	Eastern Connecticut Resource Recovery Authority (ECRRRA) / Middletown	
Yes	R. Stephen Lynch	Scarborough	ME	ECRRRA	
Yes	Jean Speck - Kent (Jean Speck)	Kent	CT	Town of Kent	
Yes	Julie Cammarata	New London	CT	Quantum, Novamont	
Yes	Gabrielle Frigon	Hartford	CT	CT DEEP	
Yes	Denise Raap - Litchfield (Denise Raap)	Litchfield	AL	Town of Litchfield	
Yes	Raymond Drew	Torrington	CT	City of Torrington	
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John Phetteplace - Stonington	10/20/2020 13:12	10/20/2020 13:12	1	United States of America	
Sherill Baldwin	10/20/2020 14:48	10/20/2020 14:48	1	United States of America	
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